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EDUCATION

- B.A. Principia College, Elsah, Illinois, June 1976 (political science)
- J.D. National Law Center, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., May 1980 (constitutional and international law)
- Graduate study
 - School of Public and International Affairs, The George Washington University (international organizations, international economics)
 - Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (public policy)
 - University of California, Santa Barbara (Sikh and Punjab studies)
 - School of Journalism, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (political communication, journalism ethics, film, methodology)

EMPLOYMENT

- December 2019-present Interim President of Principia College
- 2019 Acting Coach, Intercollegiate Mediation Team, international law competition, Athens, Greece
- 2013-present Professor, Political Science, Asian Studies, Principia College, duties include teaching American government, law and comparative politics courses, coach or advisor to intercollegiate mock trial, moot court, and Model Illinois Government teams, pre-law advisor, with additional teaching assignments in mass communication, global perspective, history and First Year Experience
- 2014-2018,
2013-2014 President, Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Council; Co-Convenor, Faculty Administrative Coordination Team (FACT)
- 2008-2013 Associate Professor, Political Science, Asian Studies, Principia College, duties include teaching American government, law and comparative politics courses, coach or advisor to intercollegiate mock trial, moot court, and Model Illinois Government teams, additional teaching assignments in mass communication, comparative religion, and First Year Experience
- 2007-present Adjunct faculty, Master of International Affairs, University College, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, teaching courses in comparative politics
- 1990-2008 Assistant Professor, Political Science, Principia College, duties include coach or advisor to intercollegiate mock trial, moot court, model United Nations, and Model Illinois Government teams, additional teaching

- assignments in mass communication and comparative religion
- 2004-2007 Member, Principia College Executive Committee
- 2004-2007, 2001-2002 President, Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Council
- 1999-present Chair, Political Science Department
- 1999-present Co-chair, Asian Studies Program
- 1993-present Director, adult and undergraduate travel study programs to Vietnam (1993-three weeks, 1998-three weeks, 2002-three weeks), People's Republic of China/Tibet (1993-four weeks; 1996-10 weeks, 1996-four weeks, 2002-seven weeks), People's Republic of China & Mongolia (1999-eleven weeks, 2000-three weeks, 2004-ten weeks), India (2005-eight weeks), Mongolia (2007-nine weeks), China (2008-10 weeks), Vietnam & Cambodia (2009-four weeks), China & Kazakhstan (2011-ten weeks), Tibet (2013-four weeks), Vietnam & Cambodia (2013-two weeks), Cuba (2019-10 days), Russia & Baltics (2019-two and half weeks)
- 1994-1996 Chair, Institutional Assessment Coordinating Team; Acting Coordinator of Institutional Assessment
- 1994-1996 Head, Social Science Unit (Business Administration, Economics, Education, Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology, Women's Studies)
- 1989-1990 Leave of Absence, School of Journalism, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- 1988-1989 Chair, Mass Communication Department, Principia College
- 1985-1988 Correspondent, The Telegraph, Alton, Illinois
- 1984-1989 Assistant Professor, Business Administration & Economics, Mass Communication, Principia College; duties included faculty advisor to The Pilot, the campus newspaper (five years)
- 1984-1986 Student Advising Center, including duties as acting Orientation Director, & Director of New Programs, with rank of Assistant Professor
- 1983-1984 Visiting Professor, Political Science, Principia College, Illinois
- 1982-1983 Attorney-at-Law, private practice, Herndon, Virginia
- 1980-present Faculty, Principia Adult Continuing Education summer, autumn, winter sessions; Principia College Alumni Association continuing education
- 1977-1982 Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., including duties as Acting Chief, FOIA/PA Branch

AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS

- 2013 Inaugural Recipient, The Horace Edwin Harper Jr., and Evelyn Wright Harper Award for Excellence in Teaching, Principia College
- 2013 American Political Science Association Recognition of Teaching Excellence
- 2008 Certificate of Appreciation, Jersey County Board, for work on countywide natural hazard mitigation planning
- 1995 First place paper, MacDougall Competition, "Anonymous Attribution Across Newspapers, Across Issues," Newspaper Division, AEJMC Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 1994 First place paper, Graduate Research Competition, "National Geographic

- Magazine and the Vietnam War: Did We Just Get Pretty Pictures?", Magazine Division, AEJMC Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 1991, 1993 Twice recognized in The Teaching Economist for innovations in teaching macroeconomics
- 1991 Second place paper, Moller Award for outstanding research, "The Agenda-Setting Effects of Terrorism," Mass Communication and Society Division, AEJMC Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 1990 First place paper, Research Division, "Can the Media Kill? -- A Legal Analysis," Broadcast Education Association, Atlanta.
- 1990, 1993 Phi Kappa Phi (national scholastic honor society), Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and Edwardsville units
- 1988 Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographic Award, for outstanding contribution to legal bibliography, American Association of Law Libraries
- 1988 Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership, Principia College
- 1980 Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society), The George Washington University
- 1979, 1981 Twice recipient, Attorney General's Special Achievement Award, U.S. Department of Justice
- 1978 Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), The George Washington University
- 1977 Scottish Rite Fellow, The George Washington University

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 Interim President, Principia College
- 2013-2018 President, Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Council
- 2013 Director, Principia Abroad, Tibet
- 2012-2014 Faculty member, Principia College Accreditation Team
- 2012-present President, Great Rivers Land Trust
- 2011-2013 President, Illinois Political Science Association
- 2011 Director, Principia Abroad, China & Kazakhstan
- 2010-2016 Trustee & member of financial committee, Jim and Aune Nelson Foundation
- 2009 Director, Principia Abroad, Vietnam & Cambodia
- 2009-2011 President, Great Rivers Land Trust
- 2008 Director, Principia Abroad, People's Republic of China
- 2007 Director, Principia Abroad, Republic of Mongolia
- 2005 Director, Principia Group in Punjab, India; Program Reviewer, Sikh and Punjab Studies Program in India, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2004-2014 Consultant, Jersey County Board, on hazard mitigation planning
- 2004-2007 Chair, Steering Committee on Faculty Evaluation & Development
- 2004-2007 Member, Principia College Executive Committee
- 2004 Director, Principia Abroad, People's Republic of China & Republic of Mongolia
- 2003-2007 President, Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Council

2002-2009 Vice president and board member, Great Rivers Land Trust
2002 Director, PACE program, People's Republic of China (including Tibet)
2002 Director, Principia Abroad, Socialist Republic of Vietnam & People's Republic of China (including Tibet)
2001-2002 President, Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Council
2000 Director, PACE program, People's Republic of China & Republic of Mongolia
1999-present Chair, Political Science Department
1999-present Co-Chair, Asian Studies Program
1999 Director, Principia Abroad, People's Republic of China & Republic of Mongolia
1998-2002 President, Historic Elsay Foundation
1998 Director, PACE program, Vietnam
1997-2002 Board member, Historic Elsay Foundation
1996 Director, PACE program, People's Republic of China/Tibet
1996 Director, Principia Abroad, People's Republic of China/Tibet
1994-1996 Head, Social Science Unit (Business Administration, Economics, Education, Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology, Women's Studies)
1994-1996 Chair, Institutional Assessment Coordinating Team
1994-1996 Chair, Political Science Department
1993 Director, Principia Abroad, Vietnam
1993 Director, PACE program, People's Republic of China and Tibet.
1992 Co-Director, PACE program, Washington, D.C.
1989-2000 Political campaign manager, five judicial and mayoral races, Jersey County, Godfrey, Alton, IL
1987-1989 Chair, Mass Communication Department, Principia College
1986-1987 Member, Jersey County Sesquicentennial planning committee, Jersey County, IL
1986-present Coach or advisor, intercollegiate mock trial, moot court, model U.N., and Model Illinois Government teams, Principia College
1984-1989 Advisor, The Pilot (newspaper), Principia College
1984-1986 Staff, including acting Orientation Director, Student Advising Center, Principia College
1985, 1986 Director, Summer Advantage Program, Principia College
1984 Director of New Programs, Principia College
1982-1983 Attorney-at-Law, solo practice/small business, Herndon, Virginia
1978-1982 Staff and Acting Chief (at various times), FOI/PA Unit, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

PROFESSIONAL RELATED MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

American Center for Mongolian Studies (current board member)

American Political Science Association –

Political Science Education, Literature & Film, Religion & Politics sections

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication –
 International, Law, Media Ethics; Religion & Media, Small Programs
 interest groups (for Teaching Chair in both International Communication
 and Media Ethics sections)
 Great Rivers Land Trust (current president)
 Historic Elsay Foundation (former president)
 Illinois Political Science Association (two terms as state president)
 International Studies Association
 Jersey County Historical Society
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Mongolia Society
 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association -- Midwest
 PCA/ACA (former chair, Asian Popular Culture)
 Virginia State Bar

COURSES TAUGHT

American Government and Politics	Asian Politics
Business Law	Chinese History
Chinese Politics	Comparative Religions
Constitutional Law	International Organizations & Law
Legal Process	Macroeconomics
Mass Communication (introduction)	Media Law and Ethics
Parties, Elections, Interest Groups	Peace Studies
Political Geography	Politics and Film
Politics of Africa	Revolution (theories of)
Russian Politics	Seminar in Mass Communication
Social Science Research Methods	State and Local Government
Vietnam War	Vietnam History and Politics

Supervised independent study in jurisprudence, comparative politics, internships

Team teaching: Peace Studies (Dr. Roger Batz); American Government and Religions in America (Ms. Gail Haslam); Chinese Politics, Japanese History and Vietnam/Cambodia (Prof. Linda Bohaker); Film and Politics FYE (Dr. Jeff Steele, twice); Historiography (Dr. Greg Sandford, Dr. Faith Paul, Dr. Elise McCurties); Global Studies II (Dr. Faith Paul); Media Law and Ethics (Mr. Paul Van Slambrouck); Introduction to Mass Communication (Mr. Paul Wesman)

Further information on Professional Activities, Community and College Talks and Presentations, Service and Other Activities at Principia College, and Civic and Community Activities are available upon request.

List of publications, papers, and presentations presented separately.